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Bingo Fright Night

Play bingo for prizes and gift cards from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in SZB 330. All proceeds go toward philanthropy projects of Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. for the organization's Philanthropy Week, "Fight the Fright."

Texas Women's Basketball

Texas Women's Basketball hosts the Incarnate Word Cardinals from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Frank Erwin Center.

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In 1998

Thirty-six years after his first Earth orbit, 77-year-old Sen. John Glenn is launched into space again aboard the space shuttle Discovery.



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I think David knows that the offense didn't produce when he was in there and it was very obvious when Case came in, it did.

— Mack Brown, head football coach
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Fanny Trang and Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Don Zimmerman, Travis County Taxpayers Union founder, left, and UT President William Powers Jr., right, don't see eye to eye on Proposition 1.

Prop. 1 fight rages on

By Joshua Fechter

... "Funds will be used for improved healthcare in Travis County, including support for a new medical school consistent with the mission of Central Health" ... — *Travis County Nov. 6, 2012 ballot*

No to tax increase, PAC says

The founder of a political action committee that opposes Proposition 1 said UT could fund its proposed medical school and teaching hospital without the property tax increase proposed in Proposition 1.

Don Zimmerman, Travis County Taxpayers Union treasurer and founder, said UT would allocate funds to establish the school without revenue from a property tax increase if sufficient demand for the school existed.

"No medical school in Texas' history was established because of an increase in property taxes," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman's political action committee is working on approximately 3 percent of the budget the opposition has, according to campaign finance reports released Monday.

As of Friday, Travis County Taxpayers Union had raised \$19,640.28, according to campaign finance reports posted to Central Health's website Monday. By contrast, Keep Austin Healthy has raised \$619,343.55 as of Saturday.

The proposed medical school would join six UT health institutions located in Dallas, Houston, Tyler, San Antonio and Galveston. The UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and the UT Health Science Center at Houston partner with local hospitals funded primarily by local property taxes, similar to the arrangement Proposition 1 would establish in Austin.

Zimmerman said funding for the medical school and teaching hospital should come from UT funds.

"If and when we really need a medical school, they have the money to pay for it," Zimmerman said.

Proposition 1 would increase property taxes collected by Central Health, Travis County's hospital district, from 7.89 cents to 12.9 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The increase would contribute \$35 million toward operations at the teaching hospital and purchase medical services there.

Last week, the Travis County Taxpayers Union sued Central Health alleging that the proposition's ballot

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— Don Zimmerman



UT is by no measure rich. To the contrary, state support has been in decline for years.

— William Powers Jr.

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Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff

Lisa Guerra (far left), a junior history major and deaf student, speaks through her interpreter at the Rally to Support Diversity on the Main Mall on Monday evening.

Diversity talks continue weeks after Fisher case

By Jordan Rudner

Although arguments in a U.S. Supreme Court case about affirmative action in UT's admissions policies ended three weeks ago, campus discussions of diversity are far from over.

Several students and one professor spoke about the importance of diversity during the Rally to Support Diversity on the Main Mall on Monday evening. The rally was hosted by We Support UT, a coalition of student organizations that

back the University's stance in Fisher v. UT, a Supreme Court case that challenges the University's use of race-conscious admissions procedures.

The event featured speakers from many student organizations, including the Black Student Alliance, Social Justice Coalition and Student Government.

Bradley Poole, president of the Black Student Alliance, said the rally was part of a larger effort to continue the momentum of the

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UNIVERSITY

Powers to chair organization next year

By Alexa Ura

UT President William Powers Jr. was elected vice-chair of the Association of American Universities, a nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of higher education institutions.

Powers will serve for a year on the association's executive committee, which oversees policies the association supports, and will serve as the association's chair next year. The Association of American

Universities is a group of 61 public and private research universities that focuses on issues important to research-intensive universities, including funding and policy.

Powers was appointed to the position last week during the association's semiannual meeting.

"It's important that America's top research universities speak with a united voice in matters of national higher education policy, and the AAU provides that voice in Washington and across the

country," Powers wrote in a post on his Tower Talk blog. "I hope my two years as vice-chair and chair of this, our nation's most prestigious group of universities, continues to raise the profile of UT-Austin on the national and world stage."

The association's 59 U.S. universities confer 17 percent of the nation's undergraduate degrees and more than half of all doctoral degrees. Two of the member

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Co-op invests in humane apparel supplier

By Taylor Hampton

The University Co-op president said he will invest in merchandise from a factory that the Make UT Sweatshop-Free Coalition has advocated for because it provides fair working conditions, but the investment is much less than the coalition asked for.

The Make UT Sweatshop-Free Coalition asked George Mitchell, president and CEO of the Univer-

sity Co-operative Society, to purchase \$250,000 in licensed UT merchandise from Knights Apparel's Alta Gracia, an apparel factory in the Dominican Republic. Mitchell said the Co-op will commit to a \$15,500 order from Alta Gracia, which would have a retail value of \$35,000.

Jessica Alvarenga, coalition member and geography junior, said the coalition endorses this supplier because it pays its workers a living wage and it has an

open-door policy for inspectors from the Worker Rights Consortium, an organization that monitors the working conditions in factories.

"Students will always support ethical apparel because our motto is 'transforming lives for the betterment of society,' and that is exactly what would happen here," Alvarenga said.

Eighteen United Students Against Sweatshops

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CORRECTION: Because of a reporting error, an Oct. 22 story about the Permanent University Fund endowment misstated the endowment’s returns for the 2011 fiscal year, which should have been 20.2 percent.

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He has moved on to coke now.



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff
A student enters the Graduate School of Business building Monday afternoon.

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diversity discussion after the Fisher arguments.

“Even if the court doesn’t decide in favor of UT, that doesn’t mean diversity stops being important,” Poole said. “The University has made strides in diversity since its integration, but it still has a long way to go. [Discussions like this] ensure that we have students who are not just academically intelligent, but are socially intelligent as well.”

Taylor Carr, co-director of UT’s Social Justice Coalition, recounted her personal experiences

growing up in Mansfield, where she said the public school system was one of the last in the nation to integrate.

Carr said her grades suffered in high school as a result of family issues and racism she experienced in the classroom.

“My sophomore year, my father was shot and my mother incarcerated,” Carr said. “Unsurprisingly, my grades reflected this.”

Carr said that as a result of this tumultuous period, her grades did not qualify her for admission under UT’s Top 10 Percent rule, which guarantees admission to the University based on high school class rank. She said she credits holistic review with her

admission to UT.

“I am a product of holistic review and affirmative action,” she said. “Without UT’s admissions plan, students like me would never have had the opportunity to prove that we were qualified. I would have never been given the opportunity to contribute.”

Assistant English professor Snehal Shingavi said he believes the Supreme Court will strike down UT’s affirmative action program when it delivers its ruling this summer. If that happens, Shingavi said students must re-evaluate their course of action if they want to maintain a diverse student population.

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members were arrested last spring for participating in a sit-in at University President William Powers Jr.’s office as part of an effort to get the University to join the WRC.

In an interview with The Daily Texan last week, Jessica Alvarenga said the organization will take similar action if necessary to ensure that its demands are met on this issue.

Mitchell said committing \$250,000 without testing the product is a business gamble that will put employee jobs at risk if the product does not sell. He said the sales are tied to the success of the football team and have declined in the last three years.

Louchin Chi, coalition member and government sophomore, said from the business side, he understands testing a product is responsible and appreciates the offer, but the coalition

will continue to ask for the Co-op to purchase more from Alta Gracia.

“Since we trust the humanity behind the product we would try to provide your demand,” Chi said. “And we will campaign for money regardless.”

Bianca Hinz-Foley, coalition member and Plan II sophomore, said the proposed order offer is not sufficient to provide a long-term partnership between the Co-op and Alta Gracia. She said the merchandise supplied by the Co-op’s commitment would not be enough to satisfy the demand.

“\$35,000 for a pilot is set-up for failure,” Hinz-Foley said.

She said the people who signed a petition for the Co-op to spend \$250,000 with Alta Gracia are proof of the demand.

“These are consumers that are interested in buying one particular type of clothing and that is one they can wear with pride — and that is ethical clothes,” Hinz-Foley said.



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff
Bianca Hinz-Foley, Louchin Chi and Jessica Alvarenga represented the UT Sweatshop-Free Coalition in a meeting with the University Co-Op on Monday afternoon.

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universities are in Canada.

The University joined the invitation-only association in 1929, making it Texas’ long-serving member. Two other Texas colleges, Rice University and Texas A&M University, are also members of the association and

were admitted in 1985 and 2001, respectively.

In a statement released Friday, the association’s president, Hunter Rawlings, said Powers is a strong advocate for public research universities and will help push increased public support for these institutions this year.

Members of the association and university representatives regularly meet with members of U.S. Congress

and members of the executive branch to discuss the effects of federal policies on higher education.

Barry Toiv, the association’s vice president for public affairs, said national and state politicians look to the organization as one of government’s main resources for issues affecting research institutions, including research regulations. Powers will also continue to advocate on be-

half of UT at the local level.

“We seek to explain the impacts of legislation could have on our institutions,” Toiv said. “President Powers will work with the state Legislature and the Texas congressional delegation to explain the impact of research at the University and on the local economy.”

UT spokesperson Gary Susswein said the association is invaluable in its efforts to

work with the federal government on issues of higher education and research.

“Many universities are facing diminished funding and a vigorous debate over the role of higher ed and research universities,” Susswein said. “In that environment, we constantly try to demonstrate our innovation and efficiency on the one hand and our excellence on the other.”

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language violates the U.S. Voting Rights Act by misleading voters and expressing advocacy for the proposition. A hearing is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14.

In 2009, Zimmerman was involved in a U.S. Supreme Court case where justices upheld the Voting Rights Act, but allowed certain local governmental bodies exemptions from the law. Zimmerman was then president of the now-defunct Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1, a body that supplied water and energy services to neighborhoods in Northwest Austin, which was seeking an exemption from the law. The Court ruled the district was eligible for an exemption.

In a statement, Keep Austin Healthy, a political action committee supporting Proposition 1, called the current lawsuit “eye-poppingly hypocritical” because of Zimmerman’s involvement in the U.S. Supreme Court case.

Zimmerman said because the Voting Rights Act is still in effect, the committee has the right to sue under the law’s provisions.

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executive vice president and provost, said the University will not be able to support a medical school without the \$35 million generated by the increase.

The proposed medical school would join six UT health institutions located in Dallas, Houston, Tyler, San Antonio and Galveston, some of which partner with local hospitals funded primarily by property taxes in their areas.

NEWS BRIEFLY
Police fire tear gas at student protesters

CONAKRY, Guinea — Residents of the town of Labe, 155 miles northeast of the capital, Conakry, say that riot police fired tear gas at hundreds who gathered to protest the firing of a teacher who allegedly criticized the Guinean government in class.

A student said Monday during the march that Mariama Tata Diallo was an exemplary teacher and shouldn't be fired for being active in Guinea's opposition. Another student, Binta Diallo, said that police fired tear gas at the students and some were hurt but that they would not give up until Diallo is reinstated.

Other witnesses said Monday that anti-riot police and a mobile security force remained on the streets of Labe.

French proposal sets multimedia-usage fee

PARIS — French President Francois Hollande is considering pushing for a new tax that would see search engines pay each time they use content from French media.

Hollande discussed the topic with Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of Google, during a meeting in Paris Monday.

Hollande says the rapid expansion of the digital economy means that tax laws need to be updated to reward French media content.

Google has opposed the plan and threatened to bar French websites from its search results if the tax is imposed.

Germany is considering a similar law, and Italian editors have also indicated they would favor such a plan.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Sandy surges over Atlantic coast



John Minchillo | Associated Press

A construction crane atop a luxury high-rise dangles precariously over the streets after collapsing in high winds from Superstorm Sandy on Monday in Midtown Manhattan. Hurricane Sandy bore down on the Eastern Seaboard's largest cities Monday, forcing the shutdown of mass transit, schools and financial markets.

By Erin McClam & Katie Zezima

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Superstorm Sandy slammed into the New Jersey coastline with 80 mph winds and hurled a record-breaking 13-foot surge of seawater at New York City on Monday, roaring ashore after washing away part of the Atlantic City boardwalk and putting the presidential campaign on hold.

Just before its center reached land, the storm was stripped of hurricane status, but the distinction was purely

technical. It still packed hurricane-force wind, and forecasters were careful to say it remained every bit as dangerous to the 50 million people in its path.

The National Hurricane Center announced at 8 p.m. that Sandy had come ashore about five miles from Atlantic City. The sea surged a record of nearly 13 feet at the Battery, at the foot of Manhattan.

As it closed in, Sandy knocked out power to more than 1.5 million people and smacked the boarded-up big cities of the Northeast corridor — Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, with sting-

ing rain and gusts of more than 85 mph.

Sandy, which killed 69 people in the Caribbean before making its way up the Atlantic, began to hook left at midday toward the New Jersey coast.

The storm lost its status as hurricane because it no longer had a warm core center nor the convection, but it was still just as dangerous, according to National Hurricane Center spokesman Dennis Feltgen.

While the hurricane's winds registered as only a Category 1 on a scale of five, it packed "astoundingly low" barometric pressure, giving

it terrific energy to push water inland, said Kerry Emanuel, a professor of meteorology at MIT.

"We are looking at the highest storm surges ever recorded in the Northeast," said Jeff Masters, meteorology director for Weather Underground, a private forecasting service.

If the storm reaches the higher estimate of \$20 billion in damage, that would put it ahead of Hurricane Irene, which raked the Northeast in August 2011 and caused \$16 billion in damage. Hurricane Katrina, which killed 1,200 people, cost \$108 billion.

Storm hits, puts pause on markets

Weather closes stocks for first time in 27 years

By Pan Pylas
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stock trading will be closed in the U.S. for a second day Tuesday as Superstorm Sandy bears down on the East Coast. Bond trading will also be closed.

The last time the New York Stock Exchange was closed for weather was in 1985 because of Hurricane Gloria, and it will be the first time since 1888 that the exchange will have been closed for two consecutive days because of weather. The cause then was a blizzard that left drifts as high as 40 feet in the streets of New York City.

The New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq said they intend to reopen on Wednesday and would keep investors updated.

CME Group's New York trading floor was closed, but its electronic markets for commodities were functioning.

Bond trading will be closed Tuesday. The Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association called for an early close to bond trading at noon Monday.

The uncertainty generated by the storm comes at the start of a big week in the United States. This is the last full week before next Tuesday's presidential election and Friday will see the release of monthly jobs data, which many analysts think could have an impact on the vote.

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VIEWPOINT

The death penalty demands discussion

By **Mac McCann**

Daily Texan Columnist

The United States shares something in common with China, Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. We, like them, use the death penalty. According to the Nobel Peace Prize-winning human rights group Amnesty International, the United States ranks fifth in executions among every country in the world.

Although not everyone is in agreement about the death penalty, rarely does the topic arise in political debates these days. “[The death penalty is] rarely ever discussed, and it’s never discussed on a federal level. I have not had a single inquiry from the media about it during this U.S. Senate race ... until now,” said Paul Sadler, Texas’ Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate.

Most people would agree that other issues, like the economy, are more important to Americans than the death penalty right now, but that’s no reason to ignore the topic. Unfortunately, Texas politicians provide little diversity in their views about capital punishment. Republican candidate Ted Cruz, who did not reply to my interview request, supports the death penalty. Sadler, too, agrees with our current use of capital punishment, and thinks his view is common. “I think if most Texans didn’t agree with it,” Sadler said, “we wouldn’t have it as our law.”

The Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate, John Jay Myers, opposes the death penalty. “It is impossible,” Myers said, “to make the burden of proof high enough to prevent executing the innocent, and two wrongs do not make a right.” He does think supporters of the death penalty have good intentions, but their efforts are misguided. “The establishment politicians are asking the wrong questions,” he said. “They are asking, ‘How should we penalize violent criminals?’ But they should be asking, ‘What can we do to reduce the causes of violence in the first place?’”

Kristin Houle, the executive director of the Texas Coalition to Abol-

ish the Death Penalty, became involved with the issue while she was student at the University of Kentucky. Like Myers, she thinks that most Texans have good intentions, but that they’re unaware of the problems with capital punishment. “I think that most Texans want a justice system that is fair, accurate, and reliable,” she said. “I believe most people do not know enough about the realities of the death penalty system and its fatal flaws and failures.”

Voices on our own campus speak out against the death penalty as well. Anne Kuhn, who leads the Texas Amnesty International’s Committee to Abolish the Death Penalty, considers capital punishment “an unjust and inhumane punishment that is a violation of basic human rights. It does not deter crime, it does not bring justice for crimes, and it is racially and economically biased. It also sends the wrong message to murderers. State killing is just as bad as any other kind of killing. Most importantly, it is not foolproof. Innocent people are regularly convicted.”

Ashley Brandish, a freshman from Dallas, opposes the death penalty as well, mostly for ethical reasons. “As a member of a moral community,” she said, “we have interests in life, and to deprive someone of that is and should be considered morally prohibited regardless of the circumstances.”

But why does it seem like most UT students ignore the issue altogether? “I think most UT students don’t think much about this issue because it doesn’t affect them,” Kuhn said. “However, I’m firmly convinced that if more people realized what a terrible practice it is, and how it looks to the rest of the world that we still use capital punishment, they would not support it. I also think if students realized how much it costs despite how ineffective it really is in deterring capital crimes they might start to question it more.”

It will be no easy task to get Texas to eliminate the death penalty. Since 1976, Texas has executed far more people than any other state, accounting for 487 of America’s 1,309 executions. The death penalty is literally a matter of life and death, and therefore it is an issue that needs



“I think that most UT students don’t think much about the issue because it doesn’t affect them.”

— Anne Kuhn, Texas Amnesty International

to be discussed. Brian Cutter, a philosophy graduate student, said, “At the federal level, the issue of the death penalty is hardly addressed at all. It hasn’t come up once in the presidential debates.” Unless we as citizens show that the issue is important to us — which it should be — our politicians will continue to ignore it.

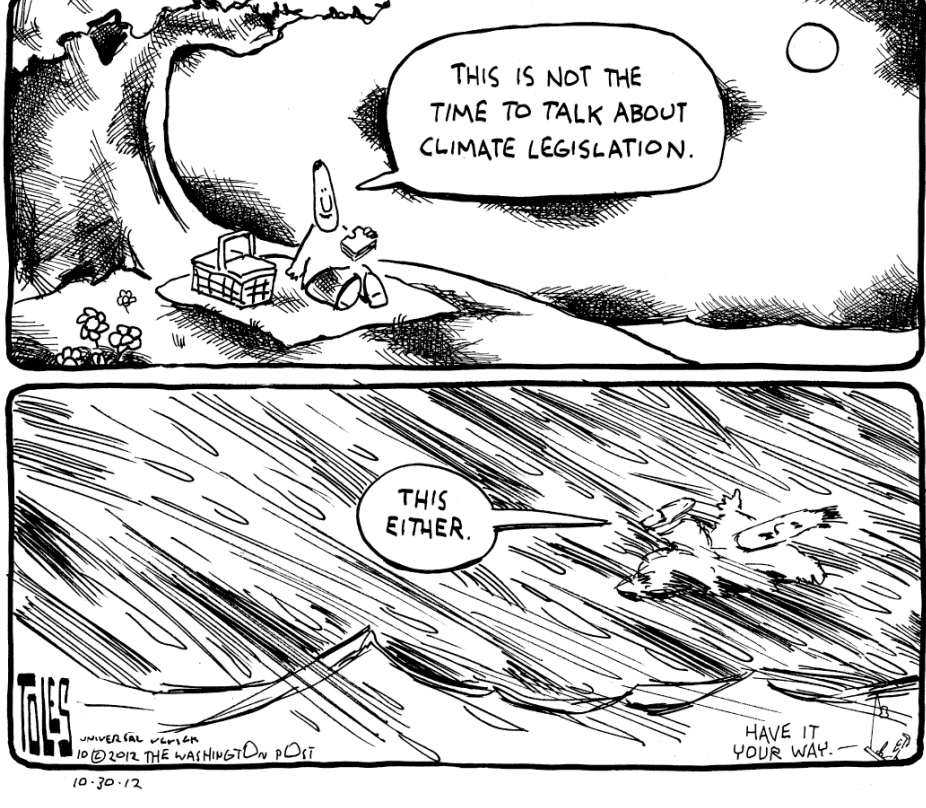
Especially in Texas in an election year, we must examine the use of capital punishment. Gov. Rick Perry has ordered the executions of 234 people, including some, like Cameron Todd Willingham in 2004, who were convicted on questionable evidence.

Minorities are particularly hurt by the death penalty — although African-Americans alone make up nearly half of all homicide victims, 77 percent of victims in cases that resulted in capital punishment were white. “For one, there’s not enough checks and balances on the whole process,” Cutter said. “The current implementation of the death penalty in Texas is unjust, especially in its disproportionate targeting of minorities and poor people. However, even if the implementation of capital punishment could be improved, it still wouldn’t be morally justifiable.”

There is reason for hope. The last four years have seen fewer death sentences than any time after 1976 in the United States. America’s youth, especially us Longhorns, I hope, could lead the way to a world without capital punishment. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, “An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.” In order to uphold America’s fairness and overall humanity, we must kill the death penalty, or at least discuss it.

McCann is a Plan II freshman from Dallas.

GALLERY



You get what you pay for

By **Maria-Xenia Hardt**

Daily Texan Columnist

Imagine a university where you did not have to pay any fees other than around \$300 a year for administration costs and your bus ticket. Universities like this exist, and I’ve been a student at one of them. I studied Freiburg University in Germany before I came here as an exchange student.

Imagine a university without Gregory Gym (or any other well-equipped gym, for that matter), without a Student Activity Center, without academic advisers. Imagine that many rooms are still equipped with an overhead projector instead of a computer. Imagine sitting in a lecture hall with 700 or 800 people most of the time, especially in your introductory classes. Imagine considering teaching assistants who give tutorials in these lectures a luxury.

How do European students manage without the luxuries American college students have come to expect? Well, we go running outside. We hang out in the lobbies of libraries. We look at our exam regulations and figure out for ourselves what courses we have to take that semester. Instead of preparing PowerPoint presentations, we give presentations that work without them, and maybe print out important graphics on transparencies.

We wanted it that way. Several states (Germany is a federal republic and education is managed by the 16 states themselves, not by the federal government) introduced fees a couple of years ago. Students went on strike. Even professors told their students to go out on the street to protest instead of attending lectures. The 1,000 euros (about 1,300 dollars) students were supposed to pay per year

might not seem like an awful lot to American students, but people were afraid that fees, once introduced, would be easy to raise.

State elections came, and governments changed and got rid of the fees. Right now, there are two states with fees left, and one of them decided last week to have a popular vote on the issue.

In the absence of fees, our universities are financed by taxes. The taxes are assessed relative to income while fees do not take into account if your family makes \$20,000 a year or \$200,000.

Universities without fees are not as nice as their expensive American counterparts, but they have their benefits. I think European college students are more independent, less afraid of failing and more likely to study what they are actually passionate about than some of the students I encounter at UT. At a German university, you have to take care of yourself because no one is going to do it for you. You learn how to look after yourself, what strategies you have to use to be successful, and also that it is okay to fail. You can repeat any course the next semester without having lost hundreds of dollars. People have more freedom to study what they are passionate about because when you know you will not have debts after finishing your degree, it is much easier to live with the risk of not snatching a well-paying job because you studied, say, English literature.

Education should not be a question of money. It’s certainly nice to have a computer in every room, but it’s not necessary. After all, the success or failure of any education depends on the quality of the professors, not the fancy convenience of the school’s amenities.

Hardt is an English major from Freiburg, Germany.

True Middle Eastern democracy requires female leaders

By **Olfa Hamdi & Ikram Toumi**

Guest Columnists

In the wake of the movements that led to the Arab Spring, one might ask: What does it take for countries like Tunisia and Egypt to fail in establishing democratic and sustainable systems?

To answer, we believe that the first and most prominent reason for failure is the stigmatization of women and their absence from the democracy-building process.

While the importance of women’s roles in the post-revolution building of freedom may seem obvious, in reality, it is often not acted upon. Women in the Middle East and North Africa still face considerable obstacles that prevent them from being active members of society who can participate in building new democracies.

Economic and institutional obstacles like poverty and lack of education are universal problems that women of the region share with others worldwide. Some obstacles, however, are related to the region’s cultural and religious characteristics.

Muslim culture and customs dictate very strong patriarchal doctrines that lead women to perceive themselves as inferior to men. Indeed, this fatal inferiority complex has shaped both women’s and men’s views of politics and of women’s roles in political life. The common sense presumptions in the region grant men the majority say in decision making. “Women in many countries in the region are seen as less capable than men. Some women themselves believe this, and the belief has passed through generations,” Dina Samir, an Egyptian journalist residing in Austin, said. For this reason, we see many women vote against other women solely

on the basis of those candidates’ gender. Sadly, women make up only 2 percent of the newly elected Egyptian parliament. In Tunisia, only 28 percent of the elected constitutional assembly members are women, even when the constitutional assembly itself has enacted a rule calling for parity between men and women in all electoral lists.

The relationship between women and Islam remains strong. In Muslim countries in general, and in the Middle East in particular, the issue of women’s emancipation is inextricably linked with religion. The perimeter of the debate has always been established by religious principles, which blocks discussion or elaboration. In fact, the use of religion for political gains by politically engaged Islamists, from moderates to extremists, has made it nearly impossible for women to assert their equality with men.

Since the first day they started being active in the public sphere, the leaders of Ennahdha, an Islamic Tunisian party, have been promoting the idea of women being complementary to men rather than equal. They have attempted to publicly enact this principle through a number of laws that discriminate against women.

Tunisian women have on more than one occasion fought fiercely against such projects and have tried to preserve existing rights protected by the 1956 Code of Personal Status, a progressive code protecting women’s rights ranging from the prohibition of polygamy to family laws giving privilege to women.

Finally, there are those who still limit this fight to achieving only constitutional equality with men. While this is a considerable achievement, in the absence of a checks and balances system the

For true democracy in the Middle East, women must take on defined, visible roles in the social, economic and political spheres.

interpretation of new constitutions and laws can be risky. Equal representation in legislatures is one of the first steps to be taken in the process of fostering female empowerment in the Arab Spring countries. As Tunisian women and graduate students at the University of Texas at Austin, we believe in the importance of educating the public in the region about existing laws affecting gender issues and of women’s right to be active democracy builders. Education and social activism are the key to bridging the gaps between legislation and practice.

We also believe that opportunities exist to achieve a true and visible representation of women in high-level decision-making positions in the public and private spheres. Within the political sphere, women have proven to be able to do more than heading the Ministry of Women’s Affairs, a government department that should be meaningless once women reach equality with men. Indeed, there is no such ministry in any Western democracy.

Ultimately, unless women take on defined, visible roles in the social, economic and political spheres, the Arab Spring cannot lead to true democracy.

Hamdi is a masters engineering student and Toumi is doctoral candidate for media studies. Both writers are from Tunisia.

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UNIVERSITY

UT, iTunes U team up to offer free content

By Joan Vinson

UT will make lectures and course materials available for free in its new partnership with Apple's iTunes U, which already offers more than 500,000 educational resources.

The iTunes U platform allows participating universities to distribute their content around the world. Students can access UT content on a range of topics with lectures and content from four of its 17 colleges and schools and additional content from the Center for Teaching and Learning and the Division of Student Affairs. The College of Natural Sciences, the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Education and the Cockrell School of Engineering have course material posted on the service. Their collections include audio and video from lectures and material from departments and libraries across the University.

Unlike edX, a nonprofit distributor of interactive online courses that UT partnered with earlier this month, iTunes U content is not offered in course format, said Noel Strader, director of educational technology in the Center for Teaching and Learning. Instead, iTunes U offers individual lectures and podcasts to anyone without requiring users to enroll. Strader said UT joined the service to make some of its resources available to current students and the outside world.

"There are all kinds of great lectures out there, not only from UT but from other institutions," Strader said. "Students can use iTunes U to get information while studying for a class."

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Engineering professor Randy Machemehl said he began using iTunes U to collaborate with a former student working as the Dean of Engineering at the University of Jordan. Machemehl said he shares his teaching materials with instructors at the University of Jordan who then use them as a supplement to their own lectures.

"It turns out that the lectures are also handy for students in my class," Machemehl said. "Plus the price is right. It's free."

Engineering assistant professor Michael Webber said he is not paid to post lectures, but rather makes them available digitally as a way to increase their availability to the broader public. As part of one of his courses, Webber requires students to produce podcasts on energy technology and policy, which he publishes on iTunes U.

"I think iTunes U is benefiting students by increasing the exposure of their work," Webber said. "It also helps other students and prospective students who want to access the information but can't afford to enroll in the University."

ELECTION 2012



Raveena Bhalara | Daily Texan Staff

Natalie Stroud, author of "Niche News and Campaign 2012," discussed selective exposure in nightly news programs as part of the Senior Fellows lecture series Monday. Selective exposure is the tendency for people to remain partial to news programs that are in their partisan group.

Public picky with news outlets, author says

By Taylor Hampton

The public chooses outlets for new information that align with their own political ideology despite the diversity of choices, according to a lecture on campus Monday.

Natalie Stroud, author of "Niche News and Campaign 2012," which won the 2012 outstanding book award from the International Communication Association, discussed the impact of expanding news options in a lecture hosted by Senior Fellows, an honors program for UT communication students. She said the public has opted out of national nightly news programs and is consuming news based on selective exposure.

"The public is inspired

and taught to use news based on partisanship," Stroud said.

She said people choose the news outlet that is most similar to their own political identity because it is difficult to perceive news as biased if it supports a person's beliefs. Stroud said the public perceives nonpartisan news as biased.

She said partisan news increases participation in politics, but is polarizing because contested issues are framed differently among conservatives and liberals.

"The people deciding elections are polarized, and people who are moderate are opting out," Stroud said.

She said the language used in news coverage affects how consumers view an issue. She said she is unsure of Superstorm Sandy's

impact on this year's election because so many people participate in early voting, which has been underway in most states for a week. Sandy made landfall Monday.

Both candidates put their campaigns on hold Monday. Ashley Muddiman, communication studies graduate student, said the candidates' responses to the hurricane could be important and that they will be evaluated by both conservative and liberal outlets. Romney used campaign buses to bring relief supplies to shelters Monday, and President Obama addressed the nation and declared a state of emergency for the areas hit by the hurricane.

"Even if he does his job, the right-leaning outlets will criticize that he is politiciz-

ing," Muddiman said.

Josh Scacco, communication studies graduate student, said the full effect the storm will have on the election will not be seen until Election Day. Leading up to Election Day, Scacco said the storm's effects will prevent the gathering of sufficient data.

"The national public opinion polls will not be accurate because of the power outages," Scacco said.

He said getting people to polls in critical states for the candidates could be difficult because of obstacles presented by the weather.

On Monday, 1,046 people participated in early voting at the Flawn Academic Center, an early voting location on campus. So far, 6,300 people have voted at the FAC for this election.

ELECTION 2012



Win McNamee | Associated Press

Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama shake hands after the third presidential debate at Lynn University on Monday, Oct. 22, 2012 in Boca Raton, Fla.

Survey: Texas still sides with GOP

By Ross Ramsey
The Texas Tribune

Republican Mitt Romney has a commanding lead over Democrat Barack Obama in the presidential race in Texas, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll. The survey of likely voters found that 55 percent support Romney while 39 percent support the incumbent. The remaining 6 percent said they support someone else.

The survey results illustrate the continuing dominance of the GOP in Texas — Republican John McCain got 55.5 percent of the Texas vote in 2008, to Obama's 43.7 percent — and illuminate a significant gap in Texans' feelings about national and state officeholders and government.

"At the top of the ticket, in the big marquee races, there are no surprises," Jim Henson, who teaches government at the University of Texas at Austin, heads the Texas Politics Project there

and co-directs the poll said. "We see the basic structure of the state, in terms of partisanship, pretty stable."

Numbers in the U.S. Senate race were similar to those in the top contest, with Republican Ted Cruz holding 54 percent of the support to Democrat Paul Sadler's 39 percent, according to the poll. John Jay Myers, the Libertarian candidate, had 3 percent, and Green Party candidate David Collins had 2 percent.

More voters want to replace their congressional representatives than want to keep them. Asked whether their own member of Congress deserves re-election, 36 percent said yes, while 43 percent of likely voters said it is "time to give someone else a chance." The remaining 22 percent said they didn't know.

Republican Christi Cradick held the lead in the contested race for Texas Railroad Commission, with 50 percent of the support to Democrat Dale Henry's 36 percent.

"What you have in these results is a pretty decent idea of what a Democrat with warm blood and a pulse can get in Texas," said Daron Shaw, co-director of the poll and a professor of political science at UT-Austin.

The poll also asked respondents to rate the job performances of Obama, Gov. Rick Perry and Congress. A majority of Texans — 53 percent — disapprove of Obama's work, including 44 percent who said they strongly disapprove. Another 40 percent approve of the job the president has done, 19 percent strongly so. Perry got good marks from 41 percent, including 9 percent who strongly approve of the job he's doing, and bad marks from 39 percent, including 27 percent who strongly disapprove of the governor's work.

Only 11 percent approve of the job Congress is doing, and only 1 percent strongly approve. Meanwhile, 69 percent gave Congress bad marks.

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FOOTBALL

THE CASE FOR MCCOY



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

Case McCoy led the Longhorns to a fourth-quarter comeback in the final minutes against Kansas, but David Ash was named the starter this Saturday's game.

Clutch QB deserves shot following rally...

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Columnist

What could Case McCoy have done differently to earn the start this week against Texas Tech?

Remember, this isn't an NFL combine we're talking about. It's a season-altering road game in one of the Big 12's most hostile environments. Texas Tech's defense won't be as forgiving as Kansas' defense, and attributes like arm strength and quickness won't be as valuable as moxie and the uncanny ability to come through in the clutch. [This is why McCoy should start against the Red Raiders, except the decison has already been made in favor of David Ash.

"I was prepared to be the starter," McCoy said. "We didn't play great [against Kansas]. We didn't do all the right things but we won. When you look at the notches in each column, that notch went in the win column. Everyone needs to chill out."

Maybe so. But McCoy was the reason Texas got to put a notch under the win column last weekend. After Joe Bergeron's 3-yard touchdown run on the Longhorns' opening possession, Texas didn't score on any of its next 10 drives.

McCoy was under center for the Longhorns' last two drives, both of which ended in touchdowns. He threw for 68 yards on the decisive possession, five more than Ash threw for the entire game.

"David knows the offense didn't produce when he was in there and it was very obvious that when Case was in there, that it did," head coach Mack Brown said. "We said in the preseason that we have two really good quarterbacks and both of them can play. Case was prepared and ready. We're so proud of the job he did Saturday."

In the last 38 drives Ash has been under center, Texas has scored just nine touchdowns, with Ash scoring only one of those himself while throwing four interceptions over that stretch. Meanwhile, McCoy has led the Longhorns into the end zone in five of the last seven drives he's been on the field. He's completed 14 of 20 passes for 224 yards and four touchdowns on those possessions.

"I'm just really proud of Case and how he was able to come in and handle that," junior guard Mason Walters said of McCoy's play against the Jayhawks. "I think it's a testament to him

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...but David Ash will start Saturday

By Lauren Giudice

After being benched and replaced by Case McCoy in the fourth quarter against Kansas, David Ash remains the starting quarterback for the Longhorns.

Ash's success in the past kept him his starting job even though McCoy led Texas to its narrow win over Kansas.

"It was a staff discussion yesterday," head coach Mack Brown said. "David's body of work has been really good. He's played and been one of the best quarterbacks in the country."

Ash was benched with 9:37 left in the fourth quarter after failing to generate any significant offense. He struggled and went 8-for-16 with 63 yards and two interceptions. While the defense had its best game of the season, the offense couldn't capitalize on Kansas' weak defense.

"It was just a rough day," Ash said. "Things weren't going my way. The thing that I was most disappointed in was that I just didn't think I handled it well. I thought I got frustrated a little bit and probably started trying to do a little bit too much."

McCoy came in and was very effective, saving the Longhorns from what could have been an embarrassing loss, with a drive that ended

with a 1-yard touchdown pass to D.J. Grant.

"I think David knows that the offense didn't produce when he was in there and it was very obvious when Case came in, it did," Brown said.

Ash has 12 touchdowns, 1,726 yards and five interceptions this season, with four of those picks coming in the last three games. But he has kept the offense in games against Oklahoma State, Baylor and West Virginia. He isn't dwelling on the potential loss of his starting spot.

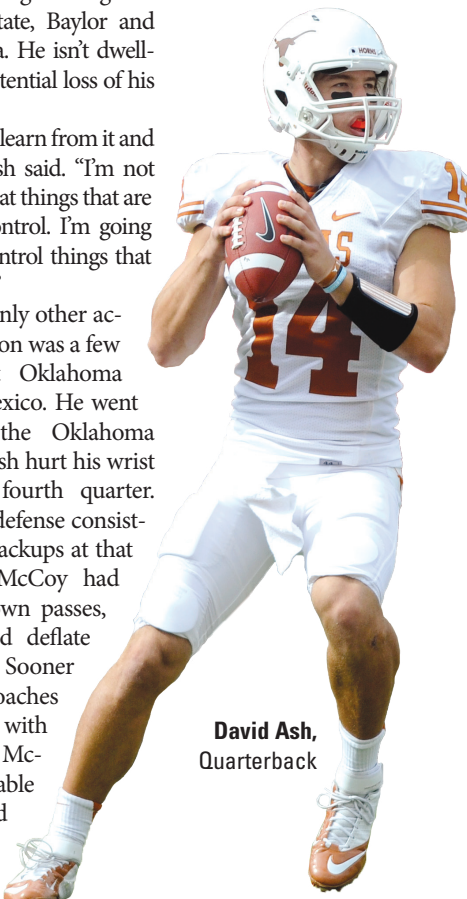
"I've got to learn from it and move on," Ash said. "I'm not going to look at things that are out of my control. I'm going to try and control things that I can control."

McCoy's only other action this season was a few reps against Oklahoma and New Mexico. He went in during the Oklahoma game after Ash hurt his wrist during the fourth quarter. The Sooners defense consisted of most backups at that point. But McCoy had two touchdown passes, which helped deflate the large Sooners lead. The coaches are sticking with Ash, but McCoy is available and prepared if necessary.

McCoy said his role as being both a backup and starter through his career at Texas has helped him.

"Bottom line is I prepare each week like I'm going to be the starter and I know that if I ever get thrown into the fire I'm going to prepare just like I did and hopefully have the same outcome," McCoy said.

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David Ash, Quarterback

Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Check out our video coverage of this week's Texas football availability: bit.ly/dt_press

BIG 12 NOTEBOOK

Oklahoma falls out of Top 10 after loss to Irish



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Senior quarterback Landry Jones and the Oklahoma Sooners fell to No. 5 Notre Dame on Saturday. The loss dropped them out of the top 10, and took away any shot they had at a national title.

By Matt Warden

The Sooners and the Fighting Irish met Saturday in a battle to determine both of their fates in the national championship picture.

Notre Dame emerged victorious.

In a game that many anticipated would be a close game in which the Sooners' prolific offense produced the formula to beat Notre Dame's defense, the Irish stayed true to form, defeating Oklahoma 30-13.

Despite amassing 379 total yards in the matchup, Oklahoma was held to a season-low number in points and rushing yards. Oklahoma QB Landry Jones passed for 356 yards but was forced into an interception.

To make things worse for

the Sooners, the running game could not get anything established, racking up only 55 yards on the ground at the game's end. Notre Dame still hasn't allowed more than 17 points in any game this season, making the Sooners another victim.

"We knew what we could do. Today's no surprise," Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o said. "We knew that if we came to work, we came into today with confidence and everybody doing their job, that we would be fine. I'm glad we came out the right way."

Although the loss hit the Sooners and their national title hopes hard, Oklahoma still sits at No. 2 in the Big 12 — a bit of light at the end of this season's tunnel.

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SIDELINE

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BY THE NUMBERS

58.1

David Ash's passer rating on Saturday against Kansas.

200.2

Case McCoy's passer rating on the final drive against the Jayhawks.

1.23

David Ash's career touchdown to interception ratio.

2.75

Case McCoy's career touchdown to interception ratio.

TOP TWEET

Case McCoy @CaseMcCoy6

"As Dory from Finding Nemo says: just keep swimming, just keep swimming..."

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Horns kick off year in preseason game

Texas enters the 2012 season — Tuesday night in an exhibiton against Incarnate Word — with a new look. After an 18-14 season Gail Goestenkers resigned last March, and Karen Aston became the new head coach for the Longhorns. Aston used to be the head coach at North Texas, where she tripled the team's victory total in just one season. She also served as assistant to Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame coach Jody Conradt at UT from 1998 to 2006.

The Longhorns have been hard at work in preparation for their debut.

"I have been very impressed with Cokie Reed and where she is today," Aston said. "She obviously has some limitations in how many reps she can go, but I am extremely impressed with her leadership ability and where she is physically and mentally. I would also say that Nneka Enemkpali has been extremely impressive to me. She's become consistent with her work ethic and that's a big thing for me."

—Garrett Callahan

WOMEN'S GOLF RECAP | JACOB MARTELLA

Texas will have a lot of work to do Tuesday if it wants to retain the team title. The Longhorns finished the second round of the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational on Monday in a tie for fifth with a 10-over 586. "I think we've continued to play a lot of really good golf," head coach Martha Richards said. "We're fighting hard, and they did a really nice job today."

The Longhorns sit tied with Tulsa. Florida and Alabama share first place with a 3-under 573.

Sophomore Bertine Strauss leads all Longhorns with a 4-under 140 through two rounds. She currently sits in fourth place, two shots off the lead.



Bertine Strauss
Sophomore

"I think just knowing all the ins and outs and knowing the places where you can conquer makes a big difference," Strauss said. The Longhorns won the tournament last year but face a long uphill climb to contend for the team title.

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and how hard he's worked since he hasn't been the starting guy. He hasn't completely shut it down yet and he's not going to."

Maybe the ball wobbled too much when he lofted it to D.J. Grant in the end zone during the final minute of Texas' 21-17 win over Kansas last Saturday. Maybe his first

pass of that game came too close to being intercepted.

Maybe his two touch-down passes against Oklahoma didn't have enough zip on them. Maybe it's been too long since he led fourth-quarter comeback victories against BYU and Texas A&M last season.

Whatever the reason, the Longhorns announcing that David Ash will start Saturday in Lubbock sets a bad precedent by not rewarding McCoy's efforts in Lawrence.

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Brown said that after Saturday the coaches will not hesitate to put McCoy in. Offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin prefers to stick with

one quarterback.

"We like to get a guy into a rhythm," Harsin said. "We like to get a guy in the flow so that he knows exactly what's happening. So as much as you can keep one guy in it's better for you rather than rotating them around in my opinion."

SOONERS

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"We're better than we were at the start of the season," Jones said. "We hit a bump in the road. Maybe the national championship's not in the picture, that's probably gone, but we still have the Big 12 and a bowl game up in front of us."

Kansas State rolls Texas Tech, claims No. 2 spot in BCS

Another week in college football came and went, and the Kansas State Wildcats defeated another Top 25 opponent.

Kansas State solidified itself as the No. 2 team in the country by knocking off No. 14 Texas Tech, 55-24. The Wildcats jumped Oregon and sit right in front of Notre Dame in the rankings.

Heisman candidate and pundit favorite Collin Klein reeled off another impressive performance against the Red Raiders, passing for 233 yards and two touchdowns while running for 83 yards and another pair of touchdowns. John Hubert helped keep the offense running strong, adding two rushing touchdowns to Kansas State's scoring barrage.

Defensively, Kansas State did a decent job, augmenting its productivity by forcing Tech into three turnovers. Despite a shaky start for the No. 5 offensive unit in the country, the defense held up strong and kept the momentum on their side.

"We were playing well defensively," Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder said of the shaky first half. "Offensively, we hadn't figured it out yet. Sometimes you have to spar a little bit to get going."

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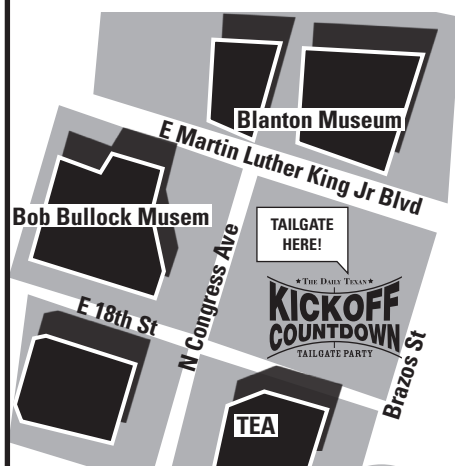
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BIRD

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minor-key apocalyptic urban ballad that picks up the tempo as well as the intensity. An insidious guitar line plays patiently beneath what could be either Bird's screeching violin or the howling ghosts of rural east Illinois.

The mood lifts incrementally with "Spirograph" and "Railroad Bill," the latter a foot-tapping train-hop shuffle complete with a steam-whistle violin fill. "Wheeeeeew!" cries one of the musicians in exuberance at the end of the take, followed by rounds of infectious laughter.

The most obvious highlight of the uniformly strong album occurs two tracks later with an imaginative rendition of Townes Van Zandt's "If I Needed You." Featuring deep, rich harmonies cast over a slow-rocking country tempo, the song pays poignant homage to the legendary Texas troubadour without retreading the same path as the dozens of others who have covered the song.

A heartfelt acoustic version of "Orpheo Looks Back" from *Break It Yourself* and the 9-minute, one-violin loop-pedal reprise "Beyond the Valley of the Three White Horses" close out this concise, uplifting record. For fans of Andrew Bird, it will be a welcome addition to their libraries; for the uninitiated, it just might have enough stripped-down charm to win some new converts.



Cameron Wittig | Daily Texan Staff

Andrew Bird's new album, *Hands of Glory*, features two brand new original tracks, a new interpretation of "Orpheo Looks Back" from *Break It Yourself* and a few cover songs.



Neil Young
Psychadelic Pill

Record label: Reprise Records
Download: "Ramada Inn,"
"Walk Like a Giant"

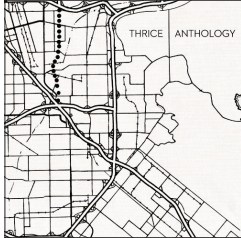
Fresh off their headlining performance at ACL Fest, Neil and the gang unleash their second album of the year, following *Americana*.. Never one to make concessions, Young and company open with 27-minute garage jam "Driftin' Back." The "Ragged Glory" energy is sustained through the album's double-disc, 87-minute run time.



Mike and the Moonpies
The Hard Way

Record label: Self-released
Download: "Sundays,"
"Things Can Only Get Better"

The local honky-tonk favorites tear through a set of hard-core country that has made their successive residencies at the Hole in the Wall and the White Horse one of Austin's most popular regular gigs. Standout tracks include lead single "Sunday" and the Harry Nilsson-tinged closer "Things Can Only Get Better."



Thrive
Anthology

Record label: Staple Records
Download: "Promises,"
"Anthology"

This compilation by the prolific southern California post-hardcore quartet collects 24 songs recorded live during the band's recent farewell tour in May and June. The album serves as a comprehensive overview of the band's catalog, containing songs from its 2000 debut *Identity Crisis* all the way to its most recent studio release *Major/Minor*.

JUSTICE

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progressive rock band or anything like that. We do enjoy retro albums, so we did take some influence from that. But we took this direction because we wanted to create songs that struck emotions. We are not big on the technical aspects of music. We just enjoy making music that touches us.

DT: Where does the album's name come from?

Auge: The album's name was influenced by its Latin translation. *Audio, video, disco* means "I hear, I see, I learn" in Latin.

DT: How was it recording *Audio, Video, Disco*? Did you feel more experienced and knowledgeable than when you recorded *Cross*?

Auge: Yes; we went through *Audio, Video, Disco* much faster than we did *Cross*. We have been making music for over 10 years now, and as a result of that, making music has become a lot easier. For *Audio, Video, Disco*, we went into the studio knowing what we wanted.

DT: In previous interviews, I had read that you guys are not fond of typical live dance aesthetics such as lasers and screens. Have you had to change your setup in favor of a more typical live dance aesthetic because of dance music's rising popularity?

Auge: Somewhat, but we still try to maintain a minimal

live music aesthetic. With all of the lasers and screens, everything seems like a competition. It's also distracting. Sometimes when artists have those large screens projecting videos behind them on stage, people in the audience are paying more attention to the screen than they are the music. So we try to keep our live setup minimal, with an emphasis on the music, and not other things.

DT: In the "A Cross the Universe" documentary you guys released back in 2008, you marry a groupie in Las Vegas. Do you still keep in touch with her?

Auge: (Laughs) Ugh no, I don't. It would definitely be awkward if I did.

DT: I also love how in the documentary, Xavier is singing "Under the Bridge" to [Red Hot Chili Peppers frontman] Anthony Kiedis, and Kiedis looks really annoyed. Have you ever considered starting a Red Hot Chili Peppers cover band in your free time?

Auge: (Laughs) It's funny because Xavier and I used to cover Red Hot Chili Peppers songs back in some high school band we were in. We covered "Under the Bridge" a lot, but we played just about every song off [the Red Hot Chili Peppers'] *Blood Sugar Sex Magik*.

DT: What is next for you guys once the tour is over?

Auge: We will return to Paris and relax for a little bit before working on new material.

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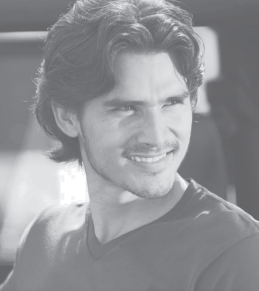
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Amanda Nguyen

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Across

1 Formless lump

5 "Chop-chop!"

9 Vague sense

13 Opera set in Egypt

14 H.S. health course

16 To be, to Bernadette

17 Fraternity party purchase

18 City where 13-Across debuted

19 Blacken, in cooking

20 Supposed evidence of the 38-Across

23 Year of the (what 2008-09 was)

24 Game piece on a Stratego board

26 Green figure, briefly

29 1999 Frank McCourt memoir

32 Fungus that affects cereal

34 24-hour place to hit the links?

35 Pre-euro money

37 Medieval Eur. domain

38 Subject of this puzzle

41 Biblical sanctuary

42 Feel in one's bones

43 "Your guess good ..."

44 Utterly tired

46 "You called?"

47 100 smackers

48 French states

50 Marty's scientist pal in "Back to the Future"

51 Field of study that includes the 38-Across

58 Voting alliance

60 All lit up

61 Lotion additive

62 In-tray item

63 DEER XING and others

64 Quaint literary work

65 Some Halloween décor

66 or 67 What some consider the 38-Across to be

Down

0 Poetic contraction

1 Streisand, familiarly

2 In ___ of

3 Baltic Sea feeder

4 Chart in many a PowerPoint presentation

5 Cousin of a neckerchief

6 Reggae artist ___ Paul

7 Pivotal line

8 Crook, to a cop

9 Missile heading

10 "My suspicions were right!"

11 Item offering support

12 Poetic contraction

15 Homer Simpson outbursts

21 "___ your heart out!"

22 The Atlantic, e.g.

25 Tried to claw open

26 Miserly Marner

27 2000 and 2004 swimming gold medalist Ian

28 Grooming item for one on the go

29 Peckish

30 Debate topic

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HALLOWEEN

Boo books offer old-time frights

By Bobby Blanchard

The best scary stories used to be told around a crackling fire or between the pages of a good book. Now, most nail-biters are told at the modern movie theater, with screens as wide as 72 feet. These movies are often accompanied by blood and appendages jumping from the screen at viewers.

But for horror fans who are interested in getting scared the old-fashioned way, The Daily Texan has compiled a short list of scary books you should consider reading for Halloween. Note that this list does not aim to rank “the best” but instead offers a sample of the multidimensional horror genre.

“World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War”

by Max Brooks
(2007) **Zombie**

“World War Z” is a history book of a nonexistent zombie war that almost wiped out mankind. Written after the near-apocalypse, Max Brooks assumes the role of a nonfiction writer hoping to recap the human side of the horrific experience. The narrative is told through first-person testimony and Q-and-A’s of eyewitnesses to the war or high-ranking government officials. In “World War Z: An Oral History of the Zombie War,” humanity survives the zombie apocalypse. It is a terrifying experience and one of the most engaging zombie stories written.



Illustration by Colin Zelinski | Daily Texan Staff

“The Shining” by Stephen King (1977) **Psychological Thriller**

No horror book list would be complete without a novel by Stephen King. Although trying to choose just one King novel is a conundrum, “The Shining” may be King’s most well known work (after “Carrie,” that is.) In the book, aspiring novelist Jack Torrance moves his family to an abandoned hotel so he can focus on his writing. However, the hotel is haunted and the presence of his telepathic son brings the hotel’s dark nightmares to life. The psychological thriller will leave the reader scared for days and permanently wary of empty hotels.

“John Dies at the End” by David Wong (2007) **Satire**

It is hard to tell a horror story while simultaneously

spoofing the genre of horror itself, but David Wong does that in “John Dies at the End.” Guaranteed to bring both laughter and shudders, “John Dies at the End” tells an odd tale. John and Dave both experiment with a new drug called “Soy Sauce,” which allows them to see a hidden world of untold horror. From this point on, they are in a constant battle to save the world and themselves from the frightening monsters that “Soy Sauce” reveals.

“Dracula” by Bram Stoker (1897) **Vampire**

Vampires existed in literature before “Dracula,” but it was Bram Stoker’s gothic novel that defined the modern creature of the night. In his novel, Stoker follows the battle between Count Dracula and a band of humans trying to stop him

from moving to England. Although it was written in 1897, Stoker’s prose reads like a more modern work. A Victorian-era gothic novel with easy-to-read prose that has maintained a position in modern popular culture is far from common.

“The Exorcist” by William Blatty (1971) **Demonic**

After many bad sequels and spin-offs, exorcism horror has almost become a genre by itself. But William Blatty’s original work and the movie adaptation have left a mark on horror culture. No exorcism is as scary as Blatty’s “The Exorcist,” in which a young girl becomes possessed by a demon and it is up to two priests to drive the dark spirit out. It may be the now-standard exorcism plot — but “The Exorcist” was the first and the scariest.

“The best scary stories used to be told around a crackling fire or between the pages of a good book.”

“American Psycho” by Bret Ellis (1991) **Psychopath**

By day, Patrick Bateman works for Wall Street, acquiring a small fortune. By night, he expresses his true self through torture and unfathomable violent acts. Written as a reflection of society, Bret Ellis’ “American Psycho” will leave readers equally disturbed and fascinated. Bateman never stops surprising readers, and Ellis provides graphic details about his murders, torture and even cannibalism.

“The Woman in Black” by Susan Hill (1983) **Ghosts**

Before Daniel Radcliffe starred in a semi-successful film adaptation, “The Woman in Black” was already a highly regarded novel. A young solicitor is summoned to the Eel Marsh House and spends many days there despite ominous warnings from locals. He encounters a ghost who seeks revenge on the living on behalf of her child, who died very young. Most ghost stories are cliché and boring, but “The Woman in Black” offers scares no other ghost story has. Today’s idea of a ghost story is strapping a camera onto a wall as hauntings unfold, but “The Woman in Black” is the real deal.

Q-AND-A

Justice returns to Austin, changes sound

By Eli Watson

Like its electronic dance music contemporaries, DJ duo Justice wants its fans to dance. Since its inception in 2003, Justice members Gaspard Auge and Xavier de Rosnay have released multiple EPs and two full-length albums: *Cross* (2007) and *Audio, Video, Disco* (2011). Unlike the dubstep wub-wubs at the forefront of electronic dance music today, Justice emphasizes luscious melodies and harmonies.

The Daily Texan spoke with Auge about marrying groupies, returning to Austin and recording *Audio, Video, Disco*.

Daily Texan: The last time Justice performed in Austin was back in 2008. How does it feel to finally be returning?

Gaspard Auge: It feels great to be returning to Austin. Last time we were here, everything felt a bit rushed. So we’re pretty



Dynamic DJ duo Justice will be performing at Austin Music Hall Tuesday. The last time the group performed in Austin was in 2008.

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excited to be coming back.

DT: Your most recent album, *Audio, Video, Disco*, has a more rock-oriented sound in comparison to 2007’s *Cross*. Have you incorporated additional touring musicians to accommodate your new sound, or is it completely handled by Rosnay and yourself?

Auge: No, it’s still Rosnay and I on stage. Both recording and live we prefer to handle everything ourselves. Plus, when it comes to electronic music it’s all about keeping the music continuous. Having a band on stage may take away from that.

DT: Continuing on with *Audio, Video, Disco*, I was

intrigued with how different the album sounded from past releases. What led to making such a transition?

Auge: We just wanted to create more melodies and harmonies with *Audio, Video, Disco*. We were not directly influenced by any specific

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ALBUM REVIEW | ‘HANDS OF GLORY’

Multitalented artist releases new darker album

By Ricky Stein

The last four years have been extremely productive for Chicago-based singer/songwriter/violinist/whistling extraordinaire Andrew Bird. After releasing an album in both 2009 and 2010, Bird signed with the indie label Mom+Pop Music, composed the score to the film “Norman,” released his sixth studio album, *Break It Yourself*, and screened the concert documentary “Andrew Bird: Fever Year” at dozens of film

festivals around the world.

With the release of *Hands of Glory*, Bird continues his torrid pace. The 8-track album, which was recorded in his barn-turned-studio just outside of Chicago, serves as a companion piece to *Break It Yourself*, containing alternate takes of album cuts alongside several cover songs and one new original.

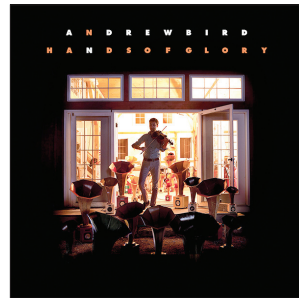
As a whole, the album is darker and folksier than previous Bird releases. Recorded live with all-acoustic instrumentation around a single microphone, the

band displays both precision and vibrancy, showcasing pitch-perfect harmonies, virtuosic violin playing and notably little of Bird’s trademark whistling.

“Three White Horses” opens the set, cantering in at an ominous pace. “Don’t dismiss it like it’s easy / Tell me what’s so easy about coming to say goodbye,” Bird exhorts in his crystalline tenor.

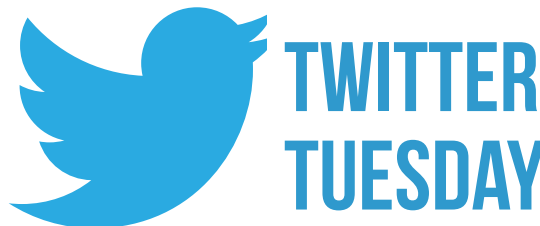
The reverb-soaked cadence of “When That Helicopter Comes” follows, introducing a

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Andrew Bird
Hands of Glory

Record label: Mom+Pop Music
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